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SUBJECT: LOS: WEEKLY INTERIM REPORT, AUGUST 16-20, 1974

1. COMMITTEE I- EIGHT MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (IRELAND DID NOT JOIN) AND JAPAN HAVE INTRODUCED DRAFTS OF DETAILED CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION, AND THUS FOUR DOCUMENTS ARE NOW BEFORE C-1 (U.S., GROUP OF 77, JAPAN AND 8-POWER). IN ADDITION U.S. INTRODUCED ITS DRAFT ON RECORD AUGUST 19 WITH ELABORATION IN CONCEPTUAL TERMS OF WHAT SHOULD BE BASIC CONDITIONS OF EXPLITATION. C-1 HAS AGREED TO ESTABLISH SMALL, OPEN-ENDED NEGOTIATING GROUP UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF PINTO (SRI LANKA) FOR IMMEDIATELY BEGINNING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS ON ARTICLE 9,EXPLOITATION SYSTM AND CONDITIONS. GROUP SHOULD BEGIN MEETING AS SOON AS MEMBERSHIP

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IS RESOLVED (GROUP OF 77 HAS ALREADY APPOINTED CONTACT

GROUP, BUT WEO'S ARE OPPOSING LIMITED REPRESENTATION). THERE HAS BEEN SOME INDICATION THAT HANDFUL OF LDC'S, LED BY PERU, MAY PUSH FOR SOME TYPE OF INDICATIVE VOTE ON ARTICLE 9 BEFORE SESSION'S END, ALTHOUGH US DEL BELIEVES THIER CHANCES OF PUSHING TO VOTE VERY SMALL.

2. COMMITTEE II- U.S. FORMALLY INTRODUCED DRAFT ARTICLES ON ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF (A/CONF.62/C.2/L.47) WHICH REPLACED PRIOR U.S. ARTICLES ON COASTAL SEABED ECONOMIC AREA AND FISHERIES.

COMMITTEE II COMPLETED SECOND READING OF INFORMAL WORKING PAPER #1, REVISION 2 (TERRITORIAL SEA). FIRST READING WAS COMPLETED ON INFORMAL WORKING PAPERS ON CONTIGUOUS ZONE, HIGH SEAS, ARCHIPELAGOES, AND LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES. U.S. CO-SPONSORED DRAFT ARTICLE ON HOT PURSUIT (L.66).

3. COMMITTEE III- SMALL NEGOTIATING GROUP OF COMMITTEE III ON MARINE POLLUTION CONTINUED MEETINGS ON ARTICLES DEALING WITH PARTICULAR OBLIGATIONS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND MONITORING. FORMAL SESSION OF COMMITTEE CONSIDERED REPORT AND TENTATIVELY DECIDED ON NON-SUBSTANTIVE, FACTUAL REPORT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL NEW PROPOSALS PLUS TEXTS OF ARTICLES NEGOTIATED IN SMALL GROUP AND WORKING GROUP OF COMMITTEE. WITH RESPECT TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, INFORMAL WORKING GROUP CONTINUED WORK ON INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL COOPERATION ARTICLE. MAIN WORK REMAINS BEHIND THE SCENE EFFORT BY METTERNICH TO PRESERVE WHAT PROGRESS WAS MADE THIS SESSION IN THE REPORT. APPROACH CONTEMPLATED BY METTERNICH IS TO SET FORTH THE FOUR MAIN TRENDS IN THE NEGOTIATION--ABSOLUTE CONSENT, QUALIFIED CONSENT, OBLIGATIONS APPROACH, AND FREEDOM OF RESEARCH.  
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